

# Putting the Standards to Work – Needs and Tools: The role of Regional Animal Welfare Strategies

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# Our Approach

- Discussion about our needs
  - What do we need?
  - What are the priorities?
- Discussion about tools required.
- Identification of tools currently available and gaps
- Discussion on RAWS
  - The role and benefits of RAWS
- Next steps

# What is Needed - 1

- Consideration of an OIE Global animal welfare strategy
- Access to resources
- Improved communication and extension.
- Guidance on legislative drafting and regulation models and enforcement



## What is Needed - 2

- Information on effective animal welfare structures and systems
- Improved education and awareness – the education focus should be broader than the veterinary profession and include others involved in agriculture and livestock production.

## What is Needed - 3

- Cultural acceptance of change relating to improving animal welfare and acknowledgement of the difficulties associated with change management.
- Support with advocacy and engaging governments on the importance of animal welfare issues.

# Tools - 1

- National Animal Welfare Strategies – for example the Malaysian strategy launched this week.
- Use of national animal welfare focal points.
- International information sharing and development of Databases covering – best practice, pilot projects and available resources.

## Tools - 2

- Sharing specialist expertise – OIE collaborating centres and the use of the twinning process to build capacity (ie UPM).
- Use of approaches that promote incremental change



# Tools 3

- Country specific needs analysis involving both public and private sectors – based on the OIE standards.
- Engagement and Involvement of civil society



## Tools - 4

- Information on animal welfare case studies – refer International Finance Corporation documents
- Appropriate education for animal owners about animal husbandry and care ( ie vaccination requirements).



# RAWS AFEO Background

**2001** – OIE agrees that animal welfare be a core activity and included in OIE strategic planning

**2004** – 1<sup>st</sup> Global AW Conference, Paris, paves the way for science/outcomes based international standards

**2004** – OIE agrees to Guiding Principles

**2005** – Five AW Standards approved

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# RAWS AFEO

**2007** – Meeting in Bangkok to discuss the feasibility of a regional approach,

- 37 participants/funded by DAFF,
- Writing Group formed

**2008** – RAWs endorsed by the Regional Commission and Assembly

**2008** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Global AW conference, Cairo:  
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# RAWS AFEO

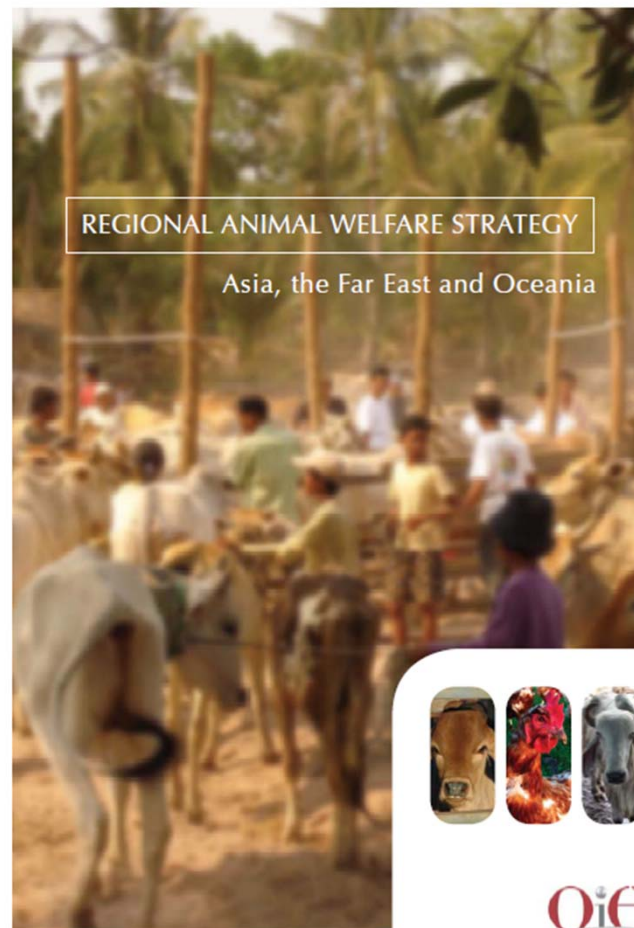
**2009** – Development of the RAWs  
Implementation Plan RAWS (IP)

**2010** - Agreement to and formation of the  
RAWS Coordination Group (RAWS CG)

**2011-12** Four Meetings of the RASW CG



# The RAWs AFEO



# The RAWS

## Vision:

A region where the welfare of animals is respected, promoted and incrementally advanced, simultaneously with the pursuit of progress and socioeconomic development.

